

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a multimedia object ~~(212) in which comprising the acts of:~~

downloading by a client device (101) downloads the multimedia object (212) from a distributing server (201), whereby, wherein

the client device (101) is connected to a peer-to-peer file sharing network (100) and redistributes;

redistributing by the client device the multimedia object (212) over the peer-to-peer file sharing network (100), for which

redistributing the; and

rewarding an operator of the client device (101) is given a reward for the redistributing act.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further

comprising the act of keeping track of the-a number of times that the client device ~~(101)~~ redistributes the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ over the peer-to-peer file sharing network ~~(100)~~, ~~and~~, wherein the rewarding ~~the operator of the client device (101)~~ act is in dependence on said number of times.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the reward ~~constitutes~~ comprises at least one of a discount on a price normally paid for downloading a multimedia object from the distributing server ~~(201)~~, a number of points for use in a bonus system, an electronic coupon, a permission to download one or more further multimedia objects from the distributing server ~~(201)~~, metadata related to the multimedia object ~~(212)~~, and a ticket for an appearance of ~~the performer(s)~~ a performer of the multimedia object ~~(212)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the acts of:
obtaining an identifier for the operator of the client device ~~(101)~~ before distributing the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ the

redistributing act; and

embedding the identifier in the multimedia object (212) by
~~means of a watermark before the client device (101) downloads the~~
~~multimedia object (212),~~ the downloading act.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling distribution of a
multimedia object (212), comprising the acts of:

receiving by a server a request for the multimedia object
~~(212) from a client device (101);~~

forwarding by the server the request to a file sharing network
~~(100);~~

receiving by the server an indication from a node (102) in the
file sharing network (100) indicating that the node (102) is able
to distribute the multimedia object (212) to the client device
~~(101); and;~~

distributing the multimedia object from the node to the client
device; and

rewarding an operator of the node (102) for said distributing
act.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising the act of authorizing the request before forwarding the request to the file sharing network ~~(100)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, ~~in which wherein~~ the authorizing act comprises obtaining payment from an operator of the client device ~~(101)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, ~~in which the request is forwarded by~~ wherein the forwarding includes the acts of:

obtaining a fingerprint for the multimedia object ~~(212)~~; and submitting a query comprising the fingerprint to a the node in the file sharing network ~~(100)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A system ~~(200)~~ for enabling distribution of a multimedia object ~~(212)~~, the system comprising:
a distributing server ~~(201)~~ arranged for receiving a request for the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ from a client device ~~(101)~~ and for forwarding the request to a file sharing network ~~(100)~~, and

an accounting server ~~(110, 230)~~ for receiving an indication from a node ~~(102)~~ in the file sharing network ~~(100)~~ indicating that the node ~~(102)~~ is able to distribute the multimedia object ~~(212)~~ to the client device ~~(101)~~, and for rewarding an operator of the node ~~(102)~~ for said distributing.

10. (Currently Amended) A client device ~~(101)~~ for use in the system ~~(200)~~ of claim 9, comprising a tracking module ~~(404)~~ arranged for keeping track of ~~the~~ a number of times that the client device ~~(101)~~ redistributes the particular multimedia object ~~(212)~~ over the peer-to-peer file sharing network ~~(100)~~, and for transmitting said number of times to ~~an~~ the accounting server ~~(110, 230)~~.